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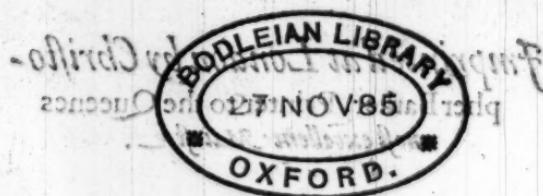
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by Robert Earle of Leycester, the Queenes Maiesties
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the lowe Countries : meete and fitte to be obserued by all such as
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therefore to be published and notified to the whole Armie.

Drasmuch as there is not any
gouverned Estate, which in peace
or warre can be accounted sure,
or preserued from dishonour and
ruine, vntesse it be supposed and
boyned by Justice duely admi-
nistrad, and discipline orderly ob-
serued : And for that no man can
be so ignorant as not to knowe,
that honor, fame and prosperitie, doe duely followe that
common wealth or Nation, wherein good lawes are e-
stablished, the Magistrate ministring Justice is duely re-
garved, and the people fearing to offend, are drawen un-
der the rules of Justice and obedience : And seeing that
martiall discipline aboue all thinges (proper to men of
warre) is by vs at this time most to be followed, aswell for
the aduancement of Gods glorie, as honourable to go-
uerne this Armie in good order : And least that the euill
inclined (pleading simplicite) shoulde couer any wicket
face by ignorance : Therefore these martiall Ordinances
and Lawes following are established and published, where-
by all good mindes, endeuouring to attaine honour, may
stand armed, and receiuue encouragement to perseuerre in
well doing, and such as are inclined to lewdenesse, be war-
ned from committing offences punishable. Which being
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embraced with carefull respect, and followed with obedi-
ence, dde promise good order and agreement amongst our
selues, with victorie and good euents against our ene-
mies.

1 First, euery chiefe Magistrate, Captaigne, inferiour
Officer, Souldiour, Pioner, or what person els receiving
her Maesties paye in Fielde or Garrison, shall solemnely
sweare, and by corporall oche he bounde to perfourme the
vnder witten Articles, so farre as to eache in their severall
qualitie shall appertaine: the violatieng or breaking wheres-
of, is to be puniisched by the Generalles direction, according
to the qualitie of the offence.

2 Forasmuch as the holy Marie of our most mighcie
and invincible S D D, with all reuerence ought to be re-
garded, and that destruction is pronounced to such as blas-
phemie or abuse the same: it is therfore ordered and com-
manded, that no person whatsoeuer, either in comon con-
fession or communication, or for any cause whatsoeuer,
shall blasphemie being thus admonished, or take his Name
in vaine, vpon paine of losse of v.s. to the releefe of the
poore for the first offence: for the seconde, fine dayes impi-
lement: for the third, losse of his place and wages.

3 And because the continual and unspeakable fa-
vours of our Almighty God, by our unthankfullnesse may
be taken from vs, and that no good euent of any action can
be expected, wherein God is not first and principally hon-
oured and serued: It is therfore especially obdeyned and
commaunded, that all persons whatsoeuer, shall vpon gene-
rall warning giuen either by sound of Trumpet or Drum,
repaire to the place appointed, where the Divine seruice is
to be vsen, there to heare the same read and preached, vntille
for the present by sicknesse or other seruice he be impea-
ched, vpon paine to lose his dayes wages for the first, two
dayes wages for the second, and so to be increased by the
discretion of the Judge, and for every such default in the

Souldier,

Souldier, as well the Capaine as his inferiour officers, to be punished with like penaltie.

4. And seeing it well besemeth all Christians, especially such as professe the militarie service, to passe away the time in matters requisite for their profession: And because no time can be more vainely spent, then that which is consumed in unlawfull games, besides the breeding of much contention and quarrelles: And soz that there be many allowable and commendable exercises for all sortes of men to use: Therefore it is strectly commended, that no private Souldier or inferiour Officer that frequent the playing at Dice and Cardes, nor any other unlawfull games, vpon paine of two dopes, amercement for the first time, and soz after committing the like, tober further punished by the Judges discretion.

5. And soz that it often happeneth, that by permitting of many vagrant and idle women in an armie, sundry disorders and horriblie abuses are committed: Therefore it is ordeneid that no man shall carrie into the fiedle, or de-sine with him in the place of his garrison, any woman whatsoeuer, other then such as be knownen to be his lawfull wife, or such other women to tende the siche and serue for bauaders, as shall be thought meete by the Marshall, vpon paine of whipping and banishmene.

6. And insomuch as clementie amongst men of warre in some respects is a singular vertue: It is ordeneid that no man in any part of this seruice that he shall doe, shall lay violent handes vpon any woman with childe, or lyng in childebed, olde persons, widowes, yong virgins, or babes, without especiall order from the Magistrate, vpon paine of death.

7. Whosoeuer that shall be commonly gauen to dysreverence, or riotously behauie himselfe, shall be banished the Armie. To whiche case shal be aduertised to ympe

8. Whosoeuer shall conceale, or in any sorte keepe se-

crete Treason, any dangerous Conspiracie, or other practise which may be hurtfull, and may concerne the perill of her Matelies person, or her Generall, or the estate of this Armie, and shall not with all diligence reveale the same unto the Generall; or some other Officer of especiall trust, shall incurre the paines of death with tormentes.

9. No man shall haue speche or conference, send message, deliuer or receive letters to or from the enemie, or any his confederates, either secretly or openly, without manifesting the same presently unto the Generall or Marshall, or hauing former authorisitie to doe, vpon paine of death.

10. No man being in this service shal depart y Campe or place of Garrison for any cause whatsoeuer, without the Generals especiall Pasport, or other heare Officer au thorised, vpon paine of death.

11. No man shall breake out, or leaue the order of his ranke, being once ordered in the field by the Marshall or Sergeant Major, without some great occasion first made knownen unto the saide Officer, vpon paine of losse either of life or limme, at the discretion of the Generall or of the Marshall.

12. No man appointed to watch or warde, shall shun to depart the place, neither shall sleepe, or neglect his due tie therein, especially after the watch is set and the woodoe giuen, unlesse he be orderly reliened, or for some great occasion enforced, with licence of his Captaine or Officer, vpon paine of death.

13. No man shall bewray the watchwiche to the enemie or to any other, or giue any other woodoe then is deliuered by the Officer, vpon paine of death with tormentes.

14. No man shal rashly mutine, or procure unadu full assemblies vpon paines, secretes, or hidden purpos, whereby to disturbe the peace and quiet of the Armie, vpon paine of death.

15. No man shall lift vp his weapon against the Ma-
gistrate, his Capteine or Officer, vpon paine of death.

16. No man shall quarell, bawle, or make any affray
within the Campe or Towne of garrison, vpon olde ma-
lice, or newe occasion whatsoeuer, but shall complaine to
the Officer, who is to decide the cause & punish the partie
offending, vpon paine of losse of life or limme, at the discre-
tion of the Generall or Marshall.

17. And whereas sundrie nations are to serue with vs
in these warres, so as through diversitie of languages occa-
sion of many contiouerries may arise or happen to growe:
It is therefore ordeined, that if any person of English na-
tion shall finde him selfe aggrieved with any wrong pro-
ved him by any foreinre, that then without profering
further reuenge hee shall signifie the same unto his Cap-
teine or other officer, whereby order may be taken so, as no
further quarell growe thereof, but that quietaesse in all
respectes may be preserued, vpon paine of such punishment
as the head officers shall thinke meete, either by losse of life
or limme.

18. No man appointed to the defence of any Breach,
Trench, or Streight, either Capteine or Souldiour, shall
willingly leauie it, or vpon any false or imagined cause or
excuse shall absente himselfe from the place, without suffi-
cient warrant, vpon paine of death.

19. No Capteine, officer, or other person, shall receiuie
or entertaine any other mans Souldiour or seruant, with-
out consent of his former Capteine or Master, neither shall
entice an other mans Souldiour from him, vpon paine of
losse of a Monethes wages, and to restore the partie to his
former Capteine or Master.

20. No man shall enrolle his name vnder that Cap-
teaines, nor muster in severall companies at one time, or
otherwise passe in another mans name, or lende Armour,
weapon, or other furniture vpon the muster day, whereby

to abuse her Maiestie, and weaken the present seruice, vpon paine of a moneths imprisonment, and banishment.

21 No man shall embezill or diminish any of his Ar-
mour, weapon and furniture, which is appointed him by
his Captaine, vntille he can prooue that he lost the same in
seruice. And that no man shall take in pawn any Soule-
diers weapon or furniture, vpon paine to the Souldier
of losse of his place, and to the other that shall take it in
pawn, the losse of the double value.

22 No man shall play away, engage, or lende away
his furniture, but shall alwayes keepe his Armour and
weapon cleane and seruicable, vpon paine of being dis-
charged.

23 No man shall deceiptfully take away his compani-
ons prouision, victuals, or furniture, vpon paine of impri-
sonment.

24 No person traceryling, lodging, or abiding in any
the Townes or Countreis of her Maiesties friendes or Ali-
ies, shall in any wise exact or take by force from the people
either victuall or other their goods whatsoeuer, without
present payment, or other sufficient order to the iust satis-
faction of the partie, vpon paine of death.

25 No man shall forstall any victuals bought for
the Campe or place of garrison, but suffer the same peace-
ably to come into the Market place, there to bee rated and
priced by the Marshall or his officer, before he buy the same,
vpon paine of death.

26 No man shall robbe or spoyle any Shop or Tent,
or any victualler or Marchant comming for relief of the
Campe or garrison, but in all good sorte shall entertaine and
defend them, vpon paine of death.

27 No Souldier commanded at any time to take
victuals for certaine dayes, shall exceede the same dayes, or
spend the same otherwise then according to the proportion
and time allowed him, vpon paine of imprisonment, or other
such

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such punishment as the lawfull officers shall appoint.
1128. No man shall distresse or spoyle any person stan-
ding on her Maesties partie, or being under the Generals
protection, vpon paine of death.

1129. No man shall disobey or transgresse any Procla-
mation made by Drumme or Trumpet, set forth by the
Generall, vpon such paine as he shall set foorth.
1130. No man shall resist the Prouost or his other offi-
cer in apprehending of any malefactour, but if neede re-
quire, shall ayde and assist him therein, or otherwise if by
such occasion any escape be made, it is ordeined that every
person by whose defaulte the escape was committed, shall
suffer like punishment that the parties so escaped shoulde
haue endured.

1131. No man shall molest or trouble any person beeing
vnder his owne regiment, or the leading of any other, once
placed by the Marshall forier, or Harbinger in the Campe
or Towne, but quietly to permit and suffer every one to en-
tire his severall roome or lodgging, unlesse it be by mutuall
consent and agreement, neither shall any man lodge out of
his Captaines quarter without licence, vpon paine of im-
prisonment.

1132. No man contrarie to order shal set on fire or burne
any house, milne, or coyme, nor at dislodging or remoouing
shall set the Campe on fire, without speciall commaunde-
ment from the Generall or other head Officer present, up-
on paine of death.

1133. No man without great occasion shall make any
Alarne, but if any chance to arise, then shall every man
presently reparre it all haste vnto his appointed place, un-
lesse some true excusable cause doe hinder him, vpon paine
of death.

1134. No man shall harbour or receiue into his lodging
any person being a stranger, or of our owne nation not be-
ing enrolled in her Maesties paye, but shall presently ac-
quaine.

quaine the Generall or Marshall with his name, countrey, the time of his comming, and busines, vpon paine of impri-
sonment, and losse of his place and wages.

35 No man shall talke or haue conuersation with any
Trumpeter or Drummer of the enemies, or other sent in
message, but such as bee appointed by the Generall, vpon
paine of death.

36 No man shall attende vpon the carraiges, but such
as are appointed to that charge, neither linger, or loyter
behinde with them, to ride or easse themselues, vniuersall
such as by sicknesse, hurtes, or other infirmitie known
to the officers, to be permited so, vpon paine of impri-
sonment, and losse of wages.

37 No man shall attempt to goe a forraging, with-
out the officer appointed for that purpose deliuer them a
sufficient guarde for their defence, vpon paine of death.

38 No Capteine shall sende forth any men to doe
any enterprise, without knowledge of the Generall, or
chife officer appointed thererunto, vpon paine of losse of
his place.

39 All private Captaines, being no heade Officers,
shall march and warde with their Ensignes, vniuersall
such as by speciall leave, vpon paine of the losse of a moneths paye,
and for the second time, losse of his place.

40 Every Soldier shall present such prisoners as
are taken, to their Capteine immediatly at their returme to
the Campe, and none shall either kill them, or license them
to depart, without commandement or leave from the Ge-
nerall, or other heade Officer thererunto appointed, vpon
paine of being deliuered, and banished the Campe.

41 Every Soldier at all times in service shalbe ob-
dient and faithfull, aswell to their Capteines as other in-
firmitie Officers, and to refuse direction of any under
whom they are appointed to serue, vpon paine of impri-
sonment, and losse of a moneths wages.

42 Every

42 Every man shall support and defende his owne
Ensigne boch night and day, and shall resorte unto the same
upon the first warning, and not depart vntill it be brought
into safetie, vpon paine of death.

43 Every souldier shal diligently obserue and learne
the sound of Drums, Fifes, and Trumpets, to the end he
may knowe howe to answere the same in his service.

44 No man shall slaughter or kill any beast of what
nature soever within the Campe or Garrison, but in such
places as are appoynted for that purpose, nor shall suffer
the garbage to remaine vnburied, neither shall any man
trouble or desile the waters adjoyning, but in the lower
part of the stremme some good distanc from the Campe,
vpon paine of imprisonment.

45 No man shall easse himselfe or desile the Campe
or Towne of Garrison, saue in such places as is appoynted
for that purpose, vpon paine of imprisonment, and such
further punishment as shall be thought meete by the chiefe
Officers.

46 No Captaine shall sell or ransome his prisoner
without license of the Generall, and shall not suffer them
to depart without making the high Marshall minste to the
same, vpon paine of losse of his prisoner, and imprisonment.

47 If any man doe take a prisoner or boote, he shall
immediately after hee is returned vnto the Campe or
Towne of Garrison, make his Captaine or Gouvernor
acquaintey therewith, and the Captain shall declare the
same vnto the Marshall, who every eight dayes shall make
certificate thereof vnto the Generall, vpon paine of impi-
sonment, and further punishment as the Generall shall
see vnto me.

48 In Marching by the fieldes, no man at the put-
ting vp of any Hare, or any other beast shal make any shout
or cri, whereby to disquiet or stey the rest of the bands, but
to

to use all quietnesse and silence in their march, upon paine of imprisonment.

49. No man shall give vp or deliver unto the enemies any place left to his charge or keeping, upon paine of death.

50. If any man flee to the enemies, or be taken vpon his departure towards them, he shall suffer death.

51. Any Capaine finding any Souldier of what band or company so ever, which hath transgressed any of these Lawes and Ordinances, may take him and bring him vnto the Marthall to be punished.

52. That whosoever shall be enrolled into paye after the othe be ministred to others and he not present, and it afterwards he shall transgresse any of these Ordinances, he shall be as well punishable by vertue of these Articles, as if he had bene present at the first.

53. That no Capaine shall receiue or enroll any person into his paye vnder him, but that he cause the sayde Souldier to receiue the othe, as is set downe in the first Article, vpon paine to the Capaine for not obseruing the same, of losse of a moneths paye.

54. That no person whosoever shal passe by any other way either in Towne or Campe, but at the ordinary gates and passages, vpon paine of death.

55. All other offences and Actes that may tende to disorder, not comprised within these Articles, shalbe subject to such maner of punishment, as the Lieutenant Generall shall inflict vpon them, as if it had bene specially expressed and set downe.



